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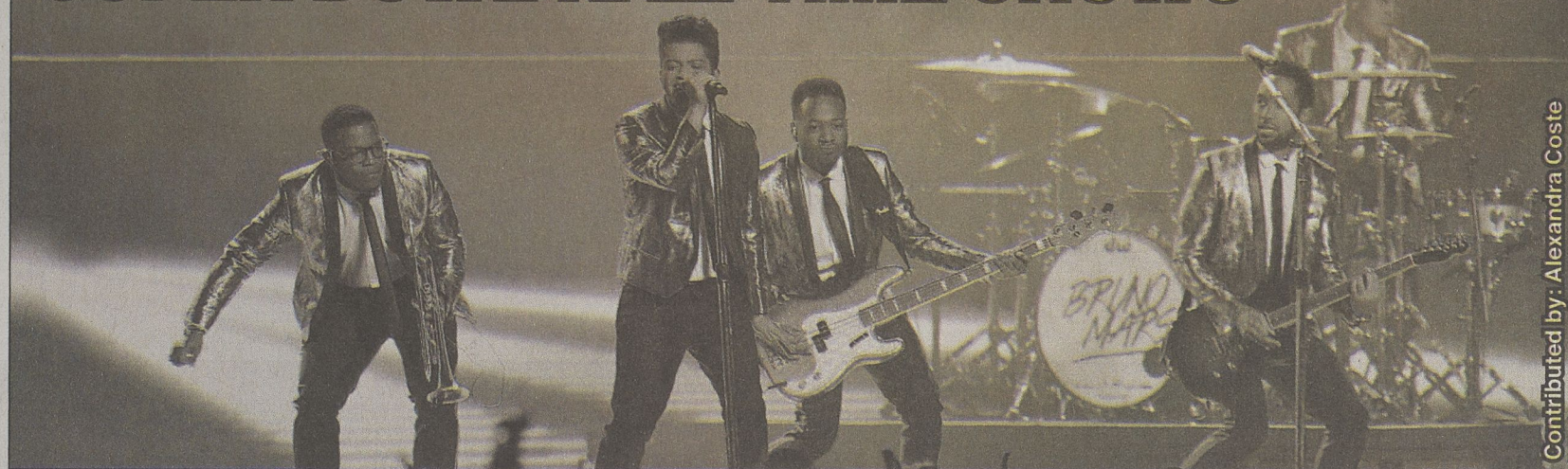
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CLEMSON ALUMNA ROCKS SUPER BOWL HALFTIME SHOWS



Contributed by: Alexandra Coste

INTERVIEW BY: ELAINE DAY AND STEPHEN KRUPKA

Sports Editor and Assistant Sports Editor

When Clemson alumna, Sarah Moll, NFL Director of Media Events and former Assistant Sports Editor of The Tiger came to campus a few weeks ago, we sat down with her to talk about her journey from Tigertown to working with Super Bowl halftime shows. Here are some of the highlights:

Elaine Day: Talk about your path from Clemson to being the Director of Media Events for the NFL.

Sarah Moll: I came [to Clemson] from a really small town in New Jersey, and the reason I got to Clemson is they were recruiting a football player from my high school, and my dad was the athletic director. So the coach at the time would always come and meet my dad, and I'd be in his office just hanging out, and he was like, "Where are you going to go to school?" And I said, "I don't really know." And he said, "Well, why don't you come to Clemson? I'll try to get you a job, and you can come down here and kind of be part of our family."

So my dad and I drove down, and the first time I drove down, Bowman Field was filled with volleyball and Frisbee, and I was like 'I'm coming here.' So I got a job with the football office, and then I think it was my sophomore year that I got involved with The Tiger. I was just a staff writer first and was always writing sports and then became the Assistant Sports Editor, and I got to cover everything but football; because I was working in the football office, I kind of knew a little too much sometimes. I mostly covered basketball and soccer, so I got to develop some really great relationships, and we got funded to go to one away game a year, which would usually be Duke or North Carolina.

So I wrote for The Tiger my junior year and senior year, and between my junior and senior year I did an internship at NFL Films, which is the film company of the National Football League. I was able to turn that into a job shortly

after graduation in our player relations department, which means I set up the interviews that we would do for all of our TV shows with current players, former players, celebrities, things like that.

I did that for seven years, and then I moved up to the league office in New York, and that's where I really learned the business side of sports and of the league. At Films, you really learned the production, hands-on, running around, getting your hands dirty, which was great, and that was kind of a hard transition. You're so used to being the person that does all the work, and then you're the person that's making all

I ever got to work on, and Bruno Mars because it was the very first one that I got to work on in my new role as the director and kind of take more of a leadership role. I'd been involved with the shows since Prince, but Bruno was the first time that I really took on a leadership role. I consider Bruno my baby, and he'll kind of always be my favorite.

ED: How does the idea even come with who you want to get to perform and how does that process work?

SM: You do a lot of reading in Billboard and Rolling Stone of who's trending and who's popular. The one good

Twitter followers of anyone in the world; that's insane. Sometimes we're working on shows simultaneously. This year is going to be a big year for us because it's Super Bowl L, so it's a big year for the NFL in general, not just the halftime show. Everything we're going to be doing all season long is going to have a golden anniversary tie to it.

Stephen Krupka: What advice would you give current Clemson students who are looking to work in the NFL or other professional sports industries?

SM: I tell people the same thing every single time, and it's internships, internships, internships. I can't stress it enough. It doesn't have to be an internship at the NFL; it can be an internship with the Greenville Drive, or here with the football office or something like that. It's just that you know you're awesome, you know you can do a great job, but other people have to see that, and they're only going to see it if you volunteer. My internship was for free, and it kind of sucks, but you suck it up and you realize that you're going to a greater goal.

That's sometimes hard to think about when you're 19 or 20 years old. Did I think this is where I was going to be? I didn't even know that this existed. It just kind of morphed into one thing after the other, and that's my biggest advice. Just do it, go for it. If someone offers you an opportunity to move to New York City, do it. Move to New York City. If someone offers you the opportunity to travel through Europe, do it. I don't mean to sound too preachy, but you get one life, and you have to do it.

QUICK FACTS:

NAME: SARAH MOLL**POSITION:** DIRECTOR OF MEDIA EVENTS FOR THE NFL**CLEMSON GRADUATION YEAR:** 1999**CLEMSON DREAM:** TO DOT THE "I" DURING FOOTBALL PREGAME

the decisions.

Then I was in New York for eight years, and my job started to really ramp up and I was getting more and more involved with entertainment, and I was spending more and more time in Los Angeles (I was probably going out there once a month), and it just got to be a lot on me personally and my lifestyle, so they asked me to move out there full-time last summer, and I did.

ED: What was your favorite halftime act that you worked with?

SM: Two of them are kind of tied; I would say Bruno Mars and Prince. Prince because it was the very first one that

thing about the halftime show is that we're not breaking news; we're usually working with established artists. Katy [Perry] had 121 million people watching her, which is crazy to think about. It's usually a more established artist, and so there's a short list of people who kind of fit that, but we're always looking.

Once we've narrowed it down to a few, we go and meet them and see them in concert, because you have to see how they're going to perform and how the audience reacts to them. That was one of the greatest things with Bruno and Katy was just that their fanbases are out of control. Katy has the most

Sarah Moll: With The Tiger, we did go to Duke for a game. Duke was great, and they put us down right on the floor and they made us feel like we were part of the press. So there's this part where my pen rolled out onto the court, like it fell off and rolled onto the court, and they had to stop the game and give me my pen. They were like, "Here's your pen," and I was mortified. And one of my lasting memories was asking Coach Krzyzewski a question during a press conference. To this day I can't remember what I asked him. It was like an out-of-body experience, like 'Ok, I'm going to ask this guy a question, and he's like an icon.'

Raising funds for memorial chapel

Matthew Stapleton
News Editor

Yesterday, the Student Memorial Chapel committee debuted the finale of its recent marketing campaign, Memorial Chapel Monday, known humorously as #MCM on social media.

For the past few weeks, the committee has held a weekly contest for a random group of chosen people who like their page and shared the respective post for the contest. These individuals could receive a \$50 gift card to any number of some popular locations, including Starbucks and Chick-Fil-A.

The finale, which began on Monday, encourages students to change their profile picture to spread awareness for the group project as well as liking their page. One male winner will receive multiple prizes including a Yeti cooler, while the female participant wins gifts including a Kate Spade purse.

"In just those three Mondays our followers went from like 800 to around 1300 or something like that," said fifth year industrial engineering student Matthew Gabriel about the memorial chapel project's success with its recent marketing campaign. Gabriel is the current head of the committee in charge of organizing the chapel project.

In the past few years, the Student Memorial Chapel has been gaining

momentum with donations and awareness. Since its start in 2006, the project has raised more than \$300,000 in the last three years alone. However, the chapel is still looking towards the next big contribution in order to help jumpstart development.

"We're still waiting for that first big gift. In development, it's still hard to say something's going to break ground until around one million," said Gabriel.

The Student Memorial Chapel aims to become a cornerstone of campus activities. The stated goal from the website says the idea behind the project is to "develop a nondenominational chapel on Clemson's campus where students would be able to partake in individual and collective prayer and reflection." Additionally, the chapel will help to remember those students each year whose deaths have affected the Clemson community.

"I think at any college campus something like this is necessary ... There are very few positive triggers on campus," said Gabriel. "And given all the bad things that have happened this semester, from the deaths of some students to the race issues that presented themselves at the end of last semester, I can't think of a better way to show the united Clemson front than with an open, unbiased place with no boundaries."



Photo credit: @clemsonsmc

The Student Memorial Chapel will aim to provide a place for all types of students to practice their faith and honor more than 650 deceased students.

Clemson organizations host second Feed The Hunger Event

Madeline Hemmingsen
Contributor

Clemson's Circle K International hosted Clemson's second annual Feed the Hunger Pack-a-thon at Fike Recreation Center on Saturday, April 18. Over the course of the day, volunteers packed 24,940 meals that will be shipped to people in need. To date, Clemson has packed a grand total of 61,660 meals through their annual Pack-a-Thon.

Feed the Hunger is a Christian organization with

the goal of feeding spiritual and physical hunger in needy U.S. communities and third world countries. Clemson's Circle K International began as an interracial singing group under the name of New Directions Ministries. As the program grew, its focus began to shift from teenagers and college students to Christians helping third world countries. The organization holds Pack-a-Thons, which involve packing highly nutritious food into heat-sealed packs to ship to these areas. Feed

the Hunger also provides clean water, Family Crisis Kits and emergency aid and relief in areas all over the world, including Kenya and parts of Asia.

Melinda Staples, Director of Projects at Feed the Hunger, was "very impressed with the enthusiasm and energy that the students gave in packing the food."

This year the Pack-a-Thon is especially important because it will be going to Iraq to aid ISIS victims and refugees.

"We wouldn't have been

able to do it without the help from other clubs like ODK, IMPACT, Sigma Alpha Omega and several Greek organizations on campus," said Emmy Thompson of Clemson Circle K International.

The events going on in the Middle East with ISIS have been prominent in the news recently such as the repeated bombings, boycotts and other attacks. These events have displaced thousands of refugees who have been victimized by ISIS extremists. Very recently, Feed the Hunger was granted access into Iraq

in order to deliver their food packs to these refugees. The meals packed here in Clemson, as well as from other Pack-a-thons across the country, will be flown into Turkey. From there, the pallets of food will be trucked into Iraq and distributed by volunteers. This is the second year Clemson University has hosted a Pack-a-thon.

Thompson says, "We are excited to host another Feed The Hunger Pack-A-Thon next spring."

While Feed the Hunger partners with other universities

and groups around the country, the company Staples said, "Each year we look forward to working with Clemson because of their enthusiasm and excitement to do something greater than themselves that touches lives around the world. It is a joy to work with the students and community at Clemson." "My favorite part of being involved with Feed the Hunger was knowing that my contributions would help feed children around the world," said freshman Allyson Randle after completing her shift on Saturday.



Organization of the Week:

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Clemson University Federation of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a broad, student-led organization that encourages fellowship amongst its members and seeks to aid student-athletes that need an emotional or personal support system. FCA sponsors local events and mission trips multiple times per year. Last winter break members served local orphans and people in need in Hyderabad, India. University FCA gatherings are held in Tillman every Thursday at 9:19 p.m.



Photo Credit: FCA

The Tiger News (TTN): Tell me about the FCA support network. Are there any local organizations that you like to work with?

Dacia Jones (FCA): We love working with local churches. We have found that nearly every ministry in the greater Clemson

area is supportive and willing to cooperate with us. Most of our participants are members at one of these churches, such as Crosspoint here in Clemson, and we offer carpools in effort to encourage attendance every Sunday.

TTN: What's it like to be a

student member of FCA?

FCA: It's enriching to be part of a community of students with the same belief system that you have, particularly in our small group sessions that meet once a week. These help foster a sense of fellowship and bring us closer together

as a Tiger family. It's also incredible to be afforded the opportunity to attend mission trips at home and abroad, and to meet a diverse array of people and hopefully make a difference in their lives.

TTN: How does the organization tie in to

athletics here at Clemson?

FCA: The "face" of FCA is our student leadership branch, which is the group that meets in Tillman every Thursday. However, this only represents a portion of what we do and who we are to students here. FCA is also composed of a group

of Life Coaches that we keep on staff in order to serve the spiritual and emotional needs of student-athletes. These dedicated men and women work to motivate and counsel athletes in order to help them maintain their performance on and off the field.

CLEMSON

and other noteworthy
events



25th Anniversary
International Festival
April 26 from 12-4 p.m.
Bowman Field

Mock Turtle Soup
Improv Show
April 24 at 8 p.m.
111 Lee Hall

Pee Dee Outdoor
Discovery Day
May 2 from 10-3 p.m.
Outdoor Education Trail

Spring Ceramics
Studio Sale
April 22 from 10-5 p.m.
Lee Gallery Hallway

PHOTO OF THE DAY



ALLEN RANDALL/istif

Clemson students travel North and South visiting exciting places like New York City.

THINK AHEAD

Summer at York Tech

Heading
home for the
summer?

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Classes start Tuesday, May 26.

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OUTLOOK

FREEDOM TO DENY?

POINT | COUNTERPOINT

Jake Zeeman
Columnist

On March 26, Governor Mike Pence signed into law the Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which has been met with inevitable controversy around the country. Basically what this law does is it allows businesses to deny customers on the basis of their religion. So immediately members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities felt like this was a direct means of aiding in discrimination against them. This raises the question of whether private businesses should have the legal grounds to deny customers on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender. Because of the First Amendment, I believe the answer is yes.

When a person owns property, it should be their right to use that property however they want. No private business owners should be forced to provide goods and services to someone if they don't want to. If I purchase a home someday, should I be forced to let people into it if I don't want them there? I think almost anyone would say no. I believe this same

principle would apply to private businesses. Public property is an entirely different story however. A truly fair government doesn't have morality. The government's role should be to protect property from harm and to help remedy situations that involve unnecessary violence and coercion. No public institution or company should be allowed to discriminate because that would be despicable.

By no means should members of the LGBT communities be discriminated against and I feel for anyone who has to deal with these atrocities. How could anyone possibly criticize love and happiness between two people? I think any rational person would realize that condemning the love of two same sex persons on the basis of religious texts written thousands of years ago is indubitably ignorant. However, people are entitled to hold whatever beliefs and opinions they want. Although I firmly disagree with anyone that would choose to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, I think this type of private discrimination must be allowed on the basis of freedom granted by the First Amendment.

When a person owns property, it should be their right to use that property however they want.

Rowan Lynam
Columnist

With a firm commitment to the First Amendment in mind, I offer this: prior to 1964, businesses were allowed to decide to whom they could provide service. This was not used as one might intend for it to be used today — to perhaps deny service to a particularly rude customer or someone wearing an offensive shirt. Instead, it became the reasoning behind barring African Americans from establishments. “Whites Only” is a sign with a heavy history throughout the nation, and we’ve all been educated on the movements against such discrimination. Because that’s what this practice was: discrimination.

With the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, discrimination by private businesses, that were places of public accommodation, was prohibited. As it was understood by the Supreme Court, discriminating against an entire group of people was not a matter of Freedom of Speech. It was just discrimination. As opposed to a house that someone is in ownership of, a service-based business is designed to provide services to the public. Habitually denying service to a group

based on race, color, religion or national origin is unconstitutional. If I own a restaurant and I also happen to hate Polish people, according to the constitution, I must serve them anyway. For the record, I don’t hate Polish people.

The problem we’re facing now in the wake of Indiana’s anti-gay law, is that the Civil Rights Act does not extend to matters of gender identity or sexual orientation. Stated simply,

Free Speech, it is a matter of habitual discrimination in what should be a free country. A business owner has the right to hate gays as much as a Westboro Baptist Church attendee does, but denying a gay person the right to have a meal in a restaurant isn’t just an expression of that opinion — it is a degradation of that person’s standing as a human being. I remind you that many signs posted in prior to the Civil Rights Act read: “No Blacks, No Jews, No Dogs.”

The loophole that currently exists in the Civil Rights Act that allows for this kind of abhorrent discrimination and needs to be closed. If you believe that a gay person should not have the right to eat in any establishment frequented by other

human beings, you are telling me that you believe that this gay person is not equal to a human being. You are telling me that that gay person is unequal to other human beings under the law, not just in your personal belief. And that, friends, is unconstitutional.

No, businesses do not have the right to deny gays, lesbians, trans or any other member of the LGBT community service.*

WHAT CAN WE LEARN from SWITZERLAND

Alexander Shuler
Columnist

Imagine you are a thief, sitting in your pickup on the side of the road in a large subdivision with your best friend, and you are wired. This is your first time robbing a house because you’ve just lost your job and you really need some money ... now. You know the homeowners might be home so you’ve brought a gun to scare them off in case they wake up. You don’t plan on shooting somebody, but your buddy has before so it might happen.

All you have to do is decide on which house you are going to rob. Two houses are in front of you and they are relatively the same. Both have either a Mercedes or Lexus in the driveway, and you know they’ve got plenty of money. The only difference is the house on the left has a “This House is Protected by ADT” sign out front, while the house on the right has a sign reading, “This House is Protected by the Good Lord and a Gun, You Might Meet Them Both If You Come in Unwelcome” written around the outline of a gun. I want you to really be honest with yourself: which house are you going to rob? The house with an electric alarm that calls the police

who are 15 or more minutes away? Or are you robbing the house of a man you know will be waiting with a 12 gauge shotgun if you step foot inside? Hopefully you aren’t as dumb as some criminals.


The point here is plain and simple. The knowledge that there are guns inside a home, and more importantly, the knowledge that the homeowner is ready to use them, is the best deterrent against robberies and intrusion. This stops robberies before they even happen, which in turn reduces murders of homeowners by robbers and self-defense uses by homeowners on robbers.

This is where Switzerland can teach us something. In Switzerland, every able-bodied male becomes a member of the country’s militia at the age of 20. Each male is sent to basic army training where he is trained to use a rifle and is then sent back home with his service rifle. It will stay there in case of a countrywide emergency. While the government does not provide ammunition for the rifles anymore, the gun-owner can purchase his own with ease. This means that every household in Switzerland that has a male between the ages of 20-30 the active militia age in

Switzerland there is a rifle and a trained operator.

Switzerland’s murder rate is .71 per 100,000 people compared to the United States’ five per 100,000. The United States’ rate is more than five times more, despite the fact that almost every house in Switzerland has military issued service rifles. In Switzerland, it is not unusual to see a man, woman or child strolling past a police station with a rifle in a bag slung over their shoulder. It is widely known that the Swiss are well-armed. In 1993, there was not a single armed robbery in Geneva, which is Switzerland’s second most populous city. This is because the would-be robbers in Switzerland know that if they walk through someone’s front door, the man inside has been trained to use a rifle in his defense.

The argument here is that the United States could take a lead from Switzerland. While a trained militia is not necessarily the answer, although it would be great, honesty about gun ownership is an answer. If you have guns inside your home, be proud of it. Be proud of it so you can not only save the life of your family, but so you can save the life of the lost soul who wishes to do you or your family harm.



TREE IDENTIFICATION

10-10:30a.m. in front of Lehotsky Hall
Identifying the main trees you see around campus

INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

11a.m.-12p.m. along Hunnicutt Creek by Lightsey Bridge
Removing invasive plants (Max. 15 people)

PELICAN'S BELLY CLEANUP

12-1p.m. along Hunnicutt Creek by Lightsey Bridge
(Max. 30 people)

EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

2-4p.m. on the North Green
CLEMSON LIVE will be tie dying, live animals from DNR, Puppies

SUNSET YOGA

7p.m. on Bowman Field

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10p.m. at TigerTown Tavern

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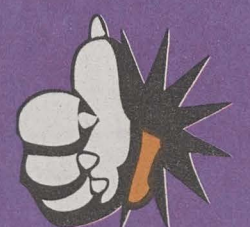
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Classes cancelled at Columbine on 16th anniversary of shooting

SC newspaper “The Post and Courier” wins a Pulitzer Prize

Paws Up...



... Paws Down

Bird flu discovered at Iowa egg facility; 5.3 million hens to be exterminated

Norway will be shutting off all FM radio in 2017

There is currently an HIV outbreak in Indiana, with at least 128 current cases

A female Texas CEO says that women shouldn’t be president because they have “different hormones” than men and for “biblical reasons”

*AS VOTED ON BY THE TIGER SENIOR STAFF

Baseball sweeps doubleheader against Duke

Henry Hutton
Senior Staff Writer

The Clemson baseball team won two huge games in a Saturday double header against Duke by scores of 6-2 and 8-1. The third game, which was set for Sunday afternoon, was cancelled due to rain and will not be rescheduled. The victories, the Tigers' third and fourth of the week, helped them improve to 22-18 (11-9 ACC) on the season while dropping the Blue Devils to 22-17 (5-15).

After rain postponed the game originally scheduled for Friday, Matthew Crownover (7-1) pitched a gem in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, as he allowed only five hits and one earned run with seven strikeouts in as many innings. After mistakes led to a Duke run in the third, Clemson responded with two runs of their own off the bat of Tyler Krieger in the bottom of the frame.

The Tigers then put the game out of reach in the fifth with four runs to extend the lead to 6-1. Chris Okey brought in the first run with a deep single, followed by a two run double from Chase Pinder. The explosive inning was capped by bases loaded walk drawn by Eli White. Jake Long then came on in relief of Crownover to finish off the first game of the day.

Clemson was able to finish the double header and abbreviated series sweep with a dominating 8-1 win. Zach Erwin (3-3) managed to outdo Crownover's start earlier in the afternoon as he also allowed only one earned run on five hits with nine strikeouts and was only one out short of a

full game.

"Erwin was outstanding, maybe the best I have ever seen him. He really pitched well, threw strikes and worked ahead in the count. His stuff was crisp, his fastball had some life to it and we played good defense behind him," Head Coach Jack Leggett said.

Duke would get its only run in the top of the first, but their lead would not last long as the Tigers immediately put up two runs to claim the lead for the rest of the day. Clemson then blew the game wide open in the fourth with five runs thanks to two doubles from Steven Duggar and Krieger. The Tigers would tack on one more run in the eighth to outscore Duke 14-3 for the weekend.

Though Clemson was not given the chance to complete the full sweep, the four wins this week were exactly what the Tigers needed to try to revive their postseason hopes. Though they have a weak conference record, Duke was a top 50 RPI team and the dominant performance definitely helped boost Clemson's resume. Before the weekend, the Tigers were sitting at No. 87 in the RPI rankings and will need to make a considerable climb up the list to make their case for an at large bid. Clemson is currently in third place in the ACC Atlantic standings, with the fourth best record overall and an outside possibility to overcome Florida State for the second spot.

Despite a fairly disappointing season thus far, the Tigers' success in what is almost undeniably the second best conference in the nation (and only slightly behind the

SEC) is the strongest argument they have for making the tournament. Although they are two and a half games back of second, Clemson still has nine conference contests remaining, including three against the Seminoles, which gives them a great chance to move into second as we approach the ACC Tournament.

The Tigers will continue this week with four games in Georgia, as they take on the UGA Bulldogs on Tuesday before a weekend series with the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. At No. 12 in the RPI, Georgia Tech provides another great opportunity for quality wins of which Clemson must take advantage.

UPCOMING BASEBALL GAMES:

TONIGHT
6:30 P.M. @ UGA

FRIDAY @ 6:30 P.M.
@ GEORGIA TECH

SATURDAY @ 1 P.M.
@ GEORGIA TECH

SUNDAY @ 1 P.M.
@ GEORGIA TECH



Tyler Krieger started at second base for both games on Saturday and looked sharp as he recovers from shoulder surgery.

DESHAUN VS. DUGGAR

During the broadcast of the Clemson baseball game against Gardner-Webb last week, the announcers discussed a question that Assistant Athletic Director and Sports Information Director Tim Bourret raised while in the press box: "Who has the stronger arm, Deshaun Watson at quarterback or Steven Duggar in right field?" Here are some of our thoughts:

DESHAUN WATSON

Rachel Eagleton
Contributor

Deshaun Watson. To any Clemson fan, this name alone comes with a slew of mental images. There is never any question that this young Tiger is brimming with talent. He is fast on his feet, his mental agility outlasts even his toughest opponents, and when all else fails, he is able to bring in a touchdown on his own.

While all of this is amazing, Watson's greatest vault of talent is in his arm. At the age of 11, Watson threw a 60-yard touchdown pass in a junior high football game. Only eight years later, in his debut start at Clemson, Watson threw a total of six touchdown passes against North Carolina. Combining his accuracy with arm strength, there is no one in Clemson athletics that even comes close to Watson's talent.

To try and compare the strength of Steven Duggar is not fair. While Duggar is extremely talented and may be able to throw a baseball as far as Watson can throw a football, a baseball weighs approximately 5.25 ounces, while a football weighs around 15 ounces. With nothing else factored in and told to throw their respective ball the same distance, Watson would have to possess more strength to make it happen. Take into account that during execution, Watson is being rushed by the opposing defense, and his arm is unbeatable.



ALLEN RANDALL/ staff

STEVEN DUGGAR

Elaine Day
Sports Editor

On March 22 of last year, the baseball team faced ACC rival Florida State University at Doug Kingsmore Stadium. The game is largely remembered for catcher Chris Okey's incredible catch of Steven Duggar's throw from right field and ensuing tag out of the Seminole baserunner at home plate. However, while I am in no way denying the unbelievable nature of Okey's play, I am saying that it was because of a cannon throw by Duggar that said play was even able to happen (to see the video of the play, head to thetigernews.com). When Duggar made that

throw, let's say he was about 75-100 feet in from the right field wall, which was 330 feet away from home plate at the time. That would put his throw somewhere between 75 and 85 yards, and it's important to note that Okey had to jump to cut it off; the ball could have carried quite a bit further.

Throws like this one are not uncommon for Duggar, who had 14 outfield assists in his first two seasons at Clemson. He also led the Cape Cod League in the same category during the summer of 2014. To lead a team in such a category, Duggar has to not only have the arm strength to get the baseball from anywhere in right field back to

the infield, but he also has to have incredible accuracy so that the ball gets where it needs to be before the runner does.

All of that notwithstanding, some fans also got a taste of what it would look like if Duggar did actually play football during last Friday's rain delay against Duke. Players from both teams were tossing a football, and Duggar was easily able to throw it from Clemson's dugout across the tarp to Duke's dugout. I am confident that Duggar has the stronger arm and the accuracy to match it, no doubt part of the reason that he was the preseason No. 45 overall prospect for the 2015 MLB Draft.



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THE NOT SO NEW AND IMPROVED RUN GAME

Jack O'Reilly
Contributor

Clemson football struggled running the ball last year. That's a fact, as we finished the year 91st overall in the FBS for rushing yards per game. Why we struggled may be a matter of opinion, and we struggled for several reasons. In 2015, Clemson's running game should be vastly improved, and the improved running game will be a big factor in helping a younger defense, keeping Deshaun Watson healthy and propelling Clemson to the College Football Playoff.

First, why is the running game important? It's 2015, teams are just throwing the ball all over creation, records are being demolished and points seem like *Monopoly* money. While that's true, championship teams can run the ball efficiently. Last season, our running game struggled for a variety of reasons, but there was a clear difference between the

Tigers with Watson and the Tigers with Cole Stoudt. Obviously there's a stylistic and athletic difference, with Stoudt being a pocket passer and Watson being able to run the read option, but the real difference showed with defenses stacking players at the line of scrimmage. Opposing defenses were not afraid of Stoudt throwing deep, or over the middle, and it allowed them to reassign players in pass protection to stuffing the run. With a healthier Watson, the Clemson offense will have better opportunities to find holes in the running game.

The players in charge of finding those holes will be pretty familiar to the Clemson fan. With few pure running backs in the most recent recruiting class, the Tigers will be relying on who they already have to run the ball, including several who missed major time last season due to injuries. Tyshon Dye missed the 2013

season with a back injury, redshirted and then tore his Achilles tendon in February of 2014. Rehabilitation for the Achilles is a long process, and when Dye returned at the end of last season, he wasn't at full strength. He played well against the state school in Columbia, but looked electric in the Spring Game. Adam Choice tore his ACL against Boston College last season after leading the Tigers in rushing, and Zac Brooks looks to rebound after missing all of 2014 due to a foot injury.

Having several backs is great, as is having a quarterback that spreads the field, but you need big and talented offensive lineman to open up the holes for backs to run through. Clemson added two highly touted recruits this January through early enrollment in Jake Fruhmorgen and Mitch Hyatt. When you consider how many lineman Clemson is returning from last season, and then add these two

to the rotation, the odds of Clemson being stuffed on 4th-and-1 in overtime decrease dramatically.

The 2015 offense is going to be as good as it gets with Deshaun Watson pulling the trigger. The two men in charge of that offense, Coach Tony Elliott and Coach Jeff Scott, are already showing how they plan on getting the offense in the right places to make plays. As outlined in previous articles, they're paring down the playbook to a more manageable number of plays, and it should allow the offense to move faster once the play is snapped. Over the first few weeks next season, watch as Clemson's players, especially the running backs, hit holes harder and faster than they did last year. It may seem like a completely new system, but it's just the right players acquired by Head Coach Dabo Swinney put in the right offense by Coach Scott and Coach Elliott.



Tyshon Dye looks to rebound from multiple injuries.



Adam Choice (No. 26) was a top running back last year before tearing his ACL against BC.



The scoreboard in Death Valley shows some of Clemson's top rushers against NC State.

Women's tennis wins on Senior Day against Duke

Team now looks ahead to ACC Tournament

Emily McGinley
Contributor

Clemson's women's tennis team came out on top for their final home-match of the season over Duke University. The Lady Tigers, ranked No. 21, completed a 5-0 victory over the No. 33 Blue Devils. The win gave the Lady Tigers a 15-8 overall record and 10-4 record in the ACC. It was a great match to go along with Clemson's Senior Day, honoring the team's senior members: Beatrice Gumulya, Jessy Rompies, Romy Koelzer and Yuilynn Miao.

The match on Friday at the Hoke Sloan Tennis Center began with the ceremony for the seniors, and then the teams started play, with Clemson quickly taking the lead. In doubles, there were a few Clemson pairs had that had never competed in conference matches together. These pairs were Joana Eidukonyte and Koelzer, who were ahead in their match 6-5, and

Gumulya and Tristen Dewar, who won 8-2 over the Lady Blue Devils. Seniors Rompies and her doubles partner Miao defeated their opponents 8-4 to continue the Lady Tigers' lead.

In singles, Gumulya continued her winning streak she has had this season, coming out on top 6-3, 6-1. This is her eighth win in a row, the team's longest record. Other singles wins came from Eidukonyte, with a final score of 6-3, 6-0, and No. 3. Koelzer played at No. 1 and defeated Duke's top player, Quinn Gleason, 6-2, 6-2.

The Lady Tigers will now look ahead to the ACC Tournament, which begins this week in Cary, North Carolina. The team is the fifth seed in the tournament and will have a first round bye. Their first match will be in the second round on Thursday at 3 p.m., when they will face the winner of the first round match between 12th seed Syracuse and 13th seed Louisville.



Yuilynn Miao won her doubles match with Jessy Rompies.

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What's in my bag? with SHANNON KAY

Savannah Miller
Contributor

"What's In My Bag?" is The Tiger's new series of interviews featuring Clemson's celebs and the contents of their bags. This way, we will all get to know Clemson's elite on a more personal level. Our diverse campus includes top athletes, engineering prodigies, artistic geniuses and outstanding leaders, come meet your unique and diverse Clemson family!

Unless you delete all of your Clemson emails without reading them or live under a large rock, you are probably familiar with our student body president, Shannon Kay. Shannon ran is now stepping into office, but she still graciously took the time out of her busy day to let me rummage through her backpack and photograph her.

As I waltzed (okay, tripped) into her office for her interview in my t-shirt and Converse, sweaty from the afternoon humidity, I instantly felt that I was in the presence of someone much cooler than me. Shannon is a participant in so many campus activities

and organizations that it's difficult to comprehend how she can be such a relaxed person.

Besides her previous positions in student government, Shannon has been involved with multiple honors societies and has served on the executive board for most of them. She has completed numerous internships, tutors students in Clemson's Writing Center, leads campus tours and holds a GPA that is through the roof.

But, as we got to talking, it was apparent

that she is still a normal college student like the rest of us. We joked about her abundance of writing utensils and how her lip balm had melted. While I attempted to de-knot her headphones, we empathized about the struggle of tangled cords. Because of her cool attitude and laid back personality, I soon forgot that I was in the presence of such an important and successful figure on campus.

Shannon's backpack was filled with three notebooks, pencils, pens, highlighters, a Lilly Pulitzer

agenda, headphones, an umbrella, a wallet with a variety of gift cards (many of them to Starbucks), glasses, a note pad, gum, "Shannon & Shaq" campaign pins, keys, chapstick, a flash drive and a personal note — just as prepared as you would expect our president to be. But, when I asked her what the most essential items in her bag were, it was not the planner full of important dates or even the Starbucks gift cards. Ultimately, she decided that the note she had written was of the utmost importance and meaning. On it were personal words of encouragement:

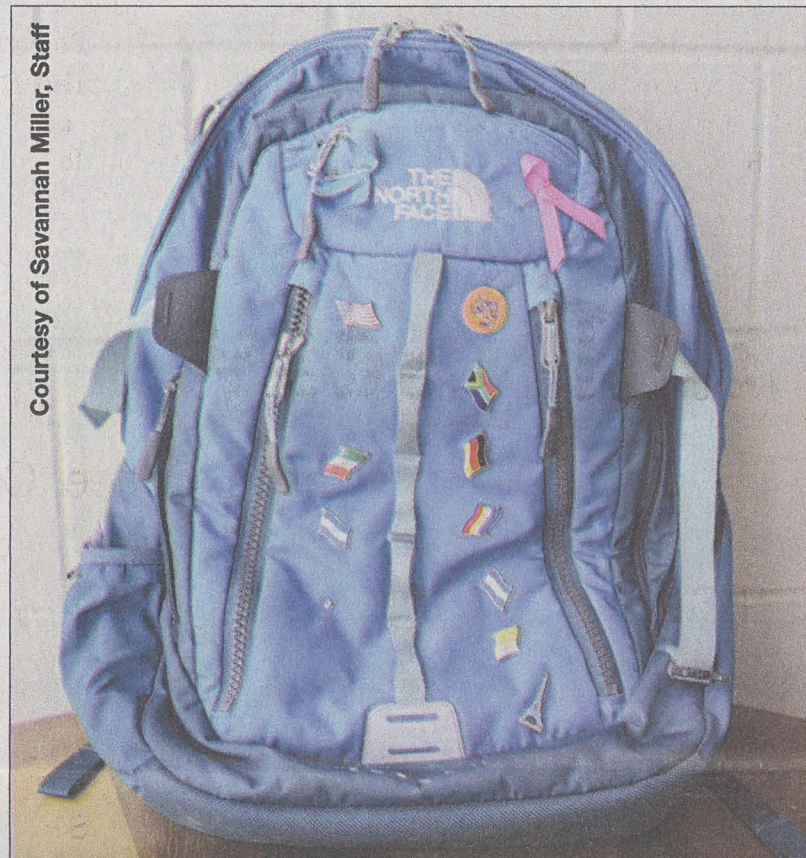
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- 1) Give back what it's given me
- 2) Way I was raised
- 3) Because I love it"

These words serve as a reminder to her of her passions and drive for success. If you ask me, we should all have something like this stowed away in our bags to remind us



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of the importance of our responsibilities. As Clemson students, we should always strive to achieve. We come to this school to hone our skills, and we leave here with the ability to better the world. With confidence and dedication, there is no limit to our future successes. Take it from President Shannon Kay.

Trust fund pop

2015 CMA's and the decline of country music

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My grandpa, Edward Lyles is the archetypical Southern man. He grew up on a farm and eventually worked his way into the cotton mill in my hometown. He worked there for 50 years and smoked Marlboro Reds (until his second heart attack, when he switched to Marlboro Golds) like a chimney. He goes to church every Sunday and watches "Gunsmoke," "Bonanza," and "Hee Haw," in his spare time. My grandpa loves country music and bluegrass: Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, the Carter Family, Flat and Scruggs — the list continues. In his 77 years on earth and 22 years with me, Grandpa Lyles has given me many nuggets of wisdom, but none more valuable than when he told me, "David, I want my country music singers to have been arrested at least once." Well, I agree.

According to country music recording artist and host of the 2015 Country Music Awards (CMAs) Blake Shelton, last night's CMAs now hold the Guinness World Record for the highest attended award show. The awards show moved to AT&T stadium in Arlington, Texas, home of the Dallas Cowboys — a venue that can seat 80,000 people. That's

great. Congratulations to the CMAs. However, there is one outstanding problem with this, the award show itself and the country music industry — there are no modern country music acts still in existence. Yes, there are people that are played on country music radio, and yes, they may wear cowboy hats and may even be from the South. But, do not be fooled. They are not country.

There are three main acts who claim to be country music but are not. I call these acts "Southern Trust Fund Pop." The first and most obvious member of Trust Fund Pop is the duo Florida Georgia Line. Let's compare and contrast Florida Georgia Line's most popular song with the best country music song of all time (arguably), "He Stopped Loving Her Today," by George Jones. In Florida Georgia Line's hit "Cruise," there is one main subject: a brand new Chevrolet on a lift-kit. Not much substance there. There are other parts of the song that talk about getting a bikini-clad woman in the truck and ... well, that's about it.

In George Jones' "He Stopped Loving Her Today," there is more than simply one subject, although there is a main idea. A man was so in love with a woman who

did him wrong that the only way he ever stopped loving her was through dying. The events of Jones' song transcend decades and tell three stories — a love story, a story of heartbreak and a story of death. In short, what separates Florida Georgia Line's pop-songs from Jones' country ballad is emotion. Jones' songs are full of pain, heartbreak and confusion. Florida Georgia Line's songs are filled with materialistic banter.

"Trust Fund Pop" is not just limited to the guys, however. Taylor Swift has also succeeded in fooling young Americans and country music radio for years now. Originally, Swift was billed as a young Nashville songwriter turned performer.

However, from her very roots, Swift proves to not be country. Swift is originally from Pennsylvania, which, the last time I looked at a map, was not in the South. Swift has recently publicized her switch from country music to pop music, although those of us who were raised listening to real country music knew this all along. The majority of Swift's songs are about breaking up with a boyfriend, having people talk about her because she broke up with her boyfriend or some other aspect of junior high pseudo-love.

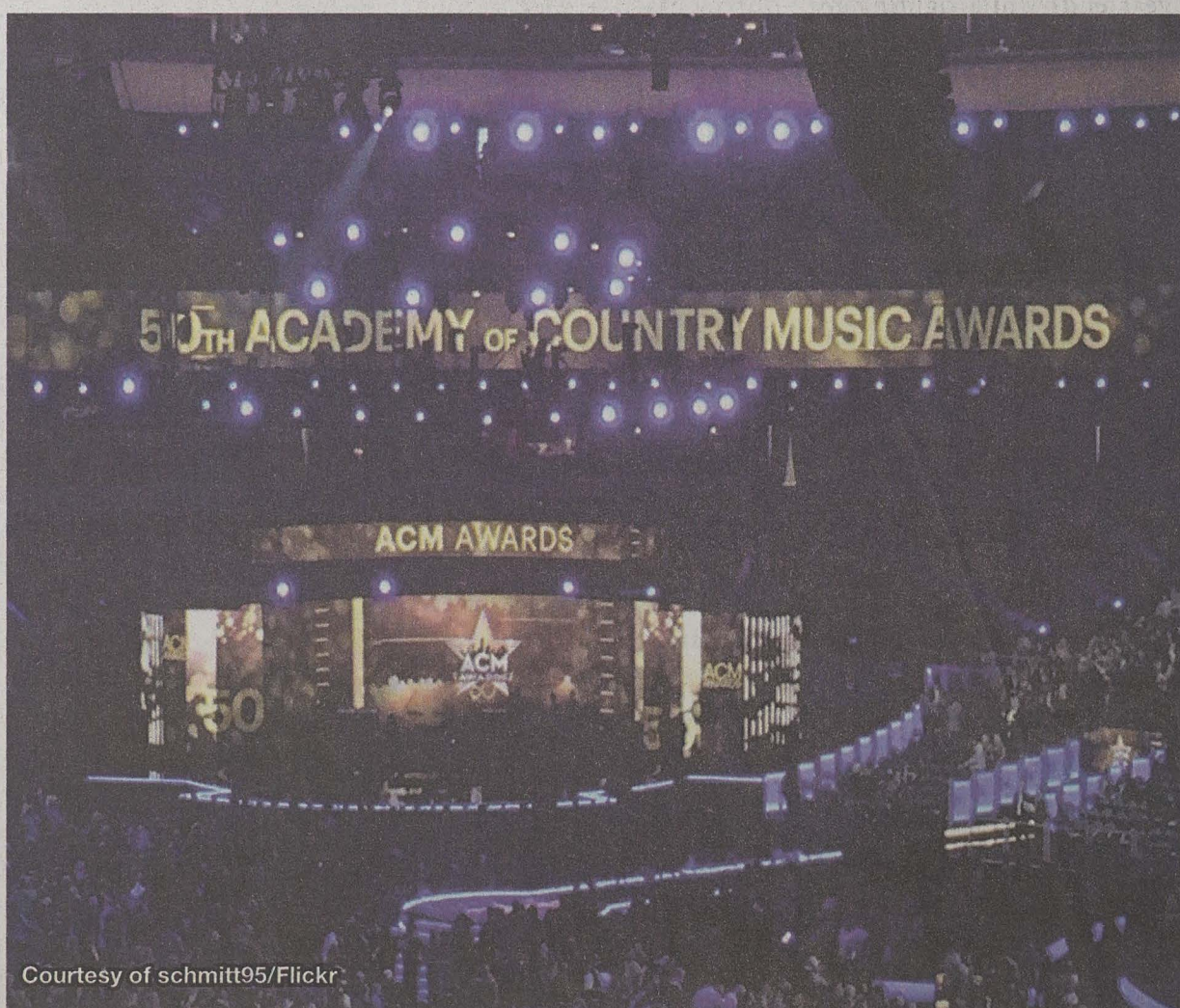
Let's compare her to female country music royalty, Tammy Wynette. One of Wynette's most popular songs was 1969's "Stand by Your Man," a song that talks about the struggles of a woman to support her man even though she doesn't quite understand why he does what he does. Wynette writes her songs from the perspective of a mature woman who is intent on life-long love. Swift, on the other hand, writes about packing her bags when things get too tough or quick-burning love that doesn't last more than a summer.

Third in our list of "Trust Fund Pop" performers are a group of guys who are, I believe, clones of each other. Lee Brice, Eric Church, Luke Bryan and Jason Aldean are the complete opposite of what country music

artists should be. These four men all did quite well for themselves at the CMAs last night, but shouldn't have even been nominated for a country music award. Let's take a look at the way these four boys dressed at last night's award show. They wore leather jackets, t-shirts, designer jeans, ridiculously shiny boots and hats that were made for someone twice their size. Now, let's think about the way Merle Haggard or Hank Williams, Sr. would have dressed — nice suits, worn boots and hats that had seen their fair share of sun-damage. The reason there is this disconnect between appearance and substance is that modern country music acts come from well-to-do families — hence the name "Trust Fund Pop." Williams and Haggard, however, spent

their early days working on failing farms due to the Great Depression. They had been to the bottom. They knew what it meant to feel pain and suffering. They knew what it meant to be poor. When they finally made their way to the top, they wanted to look like it. They respected those who made it possible for them to succeed. They were real country music singers. They were real men.

If you like modern day country music, that's fine. A lot of people do. Just understand that you're not really listening to country music. You're listening to "Trust Fund Pop." Sure, they have catchy lines and content that is more comfortable to discuss. It fails, however, because it's not authentic. But I'm doing my best to save country music.



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Targeting Lilly Pulitzer

Lilly Pulitzer for Target ignites social media

Raine Templeton
Contributor

Sunday, April 19, 2015 marked a momentous day in fashion history as the iconic Lilly Pulitzer line hit Target's shelves. Lilly Pulitzer was born in Palm Beach, Florida in 1931 and passed away in 2013 after creating a resort-wear dynasty, a style she practically invented herself. But, Lilly Pulitzer is expensive, with dresses, tops and bottoms costing up to \$350. However, on Sunday, Lilly Pulitzer released a brand new — and much anticipated — line for Target that lies within the

price range of most shoppers (with the most expensive item around \$50).

Lilly Pulitzer for Target provides the brand's signature beach-y style but in a price range that is perfect for a girl on a budget. The line features new and exciting patterns in shorts, palazzo pants, tunics, dresses and bathing suits. Now someone can buy two or three Lilly items for the same price they would otherwise pay for one. People who could not previously afford Lilly Pulitzer are now able to add the fashionable line to their wardrobe.

However, Lilly for Target has sparked some controversy. Does the new Target line change the Lilly image? From its beginning, Lilly has produced clothing of high-end value that appealed to and could be afforded by a narrow market. Now, Lilly Pulitzer is accessible to a wider variety of shoppers.

While many people that have been priced out of the brand until now are happy, consumers and retailers alike have concerns about the quality of Lilly Pulitzer and how the brand will be received. Consumers are asking if a \$200 dress is still



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worth investing in if they can get the "same thing" at Target for \$50. Retailers have concerns about whether their Lilly Pulitzer items will sell at the same prices as they always have.

However, Lilly Pulitzer and Lilly Pulitzer for Target are two totally different lines. The Target line has new patterns that are not found in regular Lilly Pulitzer retail stores. Of course this works the other way, too. Staple Lilly Pulitzer patterns offered by Lilly Pulitzer retailers will not be available at Target stores. Lilly Pulitzer for Target is a line produced by Lilly Pulitzer especially for Target stores with different quality standards and patterns. Just as Simply Vera and Ralph Lauren Polo are not equivalents of Vera Wang or Ralph Lauren, Lilly Pulitzer for Target is not the same line you would buy in a boutique or Lilly Pulitzer

retail store.

Still, Twitter and other social media sites have become war zones for disgruntled consumers. In the Refinery 29 article "39 Girls Who Are Mad as Hell about Lilly Pulitzer for Target," girls commented on the company degrading the brand and allowing for "cheap basics" to buy "their" brand. People tweeted about this new line destroying the prestige of Lilly and warned the company to "keep it classy."

However, most of the people commenting on the new line are hardly branding or marketing professionals, and most of their comments end up being just plain mean. The online commentary accompanying the new line is astonishing, pretentious and cruel. People against Lilly Pulitzer for Target are surprisingly angry — not only at the brand, but at people who

buy Lilly for Target, calling them white trash and tacky. On the other side, people who are "for" Lilly Pulitzer for Target have similarly lashed out at those who don't support the brand's new line.

Lilly Pulitzer, Inc. made a stride in high-end resort-wear that has not been attempted before. Lilly for Target is a huge step for the brand that will bring in innumerable amounts of new customers each year. The brand's image may have changed a bit, but the introduction of the new line is one that will increase their market share and improve the company in the long run.

It's exciting that more people will be able to access the cute and comfy Lilly Pulitzer styles at a price they can afford. And the shaming needs to stop. More bright, fun Lilly in the world can't be a bad thing.



Courtesy of inquistir.com

Top Yak Tuesday



Ever have those moments where you go "I need an adult" but then you realize YOU ARE ONE AND IT'S NOT FUN

My life right now is as organized as the \$5 movie bin at Walmart.

Coffee. Coffee. COFFEE

What is that bright yellow thing in the sky?

Is it bad that I know the cooking instructions for almost every frozen pizza brand?

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Game of Chairs

How to find the best study spots in Cooper

Valerie Smith
Contributor

Finals week is looming closer and closer, and students are beginning to realize how much more they need to study for the last few grades of the semester. Everyone files into Cooper Library to cram large amounts of remaining information into their brains before the school year ends while fighting for the limited seating. Cooper becomes like the scene from "Star Wars" where Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker dramatically fight to the death with light sabers; it can be pretty challenging to find that perfect spot to sit down during this frantic rush.

Sometimes there's nothing you can do to get a seat, and, like a leper, you are cast out of the hustle and bustle community of the library. But, if you get lucky, you may just find some hidden seats amongst the several floors of the construct. Here are some helpful tips to win a quiet, comfortable seat for studying, to hopefully defeat Darth Vader:

1. My number one suggestion is to check the floors below the fourth floor, the one everybody walks in

on. All of the attractions of the library are located on the fourth floor and up, such as the P.O.D. Market and Java City. Avoid these locations, and you'll probably be much more successful in finding a seat.

2. If you decide to walk down a few flights, the third floor has an array of options to choose from when finding a seat. There's an entire aisle on the far left of the third floor in a section deemed the "Silent Zone." Although this area is not ideal for having a chat with friends, you might be able to grab a window seat if you're lucky, which I find helpful because I can see the sun and have a sense of time.

3. If you are desperate to find a seat, don't be ashamed of settling for a beanbag on the third floor. If you prop it up against the wall near a power outlet for your laptop, you'll find that they're really comfortable. I've sat here for hours at a time and even have caught a quick nap while I was at it.

4. There are numerous seats on the second floor meant for collaborative work as well. Cushioned benches, tables and even bar seats are located here, with plenty of power outlets available as well. There is also a "Quiet Zone" section on this floor

too, for those who prefer to work in absolute silence.

5. The Clemson University webpage states that there are study rooms on the first and second floors of the library. They are mainly used for groups of two or more people. Check one out if you get the chance!

6. If you REALLY want to be secluded for some hardcore crunch time, go all the way down to the first floor of Cooper. In this room, you will find movable bookshelves that slide across a track on the floor. Behind all of these bookshelves are rows of one-person desks. I've been here, and it is really quiet. Make sure to bring a jacket though, because it's freezing down there. There are also a few stationary bikes on this floor for students. If you want to burn some fat while you read, this is the perfect option for you.

If none of these tips work, then the odds are certainly not in your favor. But don't give up all hope yet, as there's always room to improvise! All you have to do is find and catch one of Clemson University's rabid local squirrels, release it on the main floor of the library and watch the chaos unfold. I'm almost positive students will clear the building, allowing you to find a seat.

PAW POINTERS



Wesley Skidmore
Contributor

If you're lucky enough to have a few Paw Points left, now is the time to splurge. Paw Points can be used at any on-campus dining facility, but what are the best places to get rid of those final few? Here's a breakdown:

STARBUCKS

Whether it's for an iced caramel macchiato with no foam and extra whip or a black coffee, Paw Points can be used up at Starbucks. Obviously, coffee is a staple in most college diets. Like water, it's used to rejuvenate and restore, especially during a week like finals. Not only can you buy yummy treats and delicious drinks, but Starbucks is also a fantastic place to hit the books. Take a laptop, use some Paw Points on a grande Java Chip and immerse yourself in a fun study environment. However, if you have trouble studying in such a noisy atmosphere, this might not be the place for you

P.O.D. MARKET

We've all been there. Four straight hours of studying in a corner of the

dungeon-like first floor, and you start to wonder if you can even read English anymore. The Greek letters in that math problem are genuinely unintelligible, and your eyes start to throb from looking at your computer screen for so long. When this inevitably happens, take a break at the P.O.D. Market on the fourth floor of the library. There are sandwiches, salads, soups, energy bars and much more. If you want it, they have it. And hey, guess what? If you happen to have forgotten a highlighter, developed a nasty cough or discovered that your lips are a bit more chapped than you thought, the P.O.D. Market also sells an assortment of miscellaneous items to solve these issues. And one more perk: they are located in Brackett, Harcombe, Hendrix and the Life Science Building.

EINSTEIN BROS BAGELS

For all those who live in or around the Horseshoe, the struggle of eating Schillitter five days in a row is real. So, if you aren't studying for finals like a crazy person, take a couple of minutes to visit Einstein Bros Bagels. It's a fantastic

place to try a new bagel or get a quick caffeine boost. The coffee is good, the bagels are scrumptious and the perk of using a couple extra Paw Points makes Einstein's a great option next time your stomach starts growling.

FERNOW STREET CAFÉ

This food option is a bit out of the way of the Daniel, Kinard and Cooper Library hub, but that doesn't mean it's not worth a visit. At Fernow, you can choose from a large variety of toppings for a customized breakfast sandwich or burger. But, the options don't stop there — there are also pizzas, sub sandwiches and snack options. After ordering, you can choose to take it to go or pick a shady table outside to people watch and enjoy a meal.

So, whether you stick to coffee study breaks, or prefer a more substantial pick-me-up, Clemson has a tremendous variety of options for students to choose from. And the best part? Each of these places offers the opportunity to get rid of your last few Paw Points before packing up for summer vacation.

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